

2021 WINTER SESSION

Rules of Play for Winter Outdoor Games

All league matches will be played in accordance with the current "Laws of the Game" approved by (FIFA) with modifications for youth games as well as United States Youth Soccer Official Rule Book for Small-sided games.

NOTE: Both teams are responsible for informing the referee(s) of all modifications of FIFA laws of the game.

Minimum Number of Players

Number of Players to Start the Game

08U – 10U Play (7 v 7) 5 players

11U – 12U Play (9 v 9) 7 players

13U – 18U Play (11 v 11) 7 players

Game Ball Size

08U – 12U Number 4 ball

13U – 19U Number 5 ball

Length of Games

08U – 12U 25-minute halves. Five (5) halftime.

13U – 14U 30-minute halves. Ten (10) halftime.

15U – 17U 35-minute halves. Ten (10) halftime.

Checking Official MSF Roster

Each team must have a current Official MSF Roster prior to the start of every match at the field, and until the successful completion of the match.

Substitution

Substitutions may be made from midfield with the CONSENT OF THE REFEREE at the following times and is unlimited. Players leaving the game should come off the field prior to new players entering the field.

- Prior to a throw-in in your favor

The opposing team may substitute as well if the team in favor is making substitutions

- Prior to a goal kick, by either team

- After a goal, by either team

- After an injury, by either team when the referee stops play, one for one.

- At half time

- When a player receives a yellow card (a caution), the coach may substitute for that player only; the other team may not substitute

Team Side

Both teams in all age groups are required to take the same side of the field. The Home team's coach is responsible for choosing the side of the field the teams will occupy.

Members of each team will remain on opposite sides of the centerline. Coaches are to remain within 20 yards of the center line. Other team officials and players are to remain between the center line and the 18 yard line. All are to be at least 3 yards behind the touchline.

Coach Responsibilities

During the match, each coach is responsible for the behavior of his team and any adults on his sideline.

Spectator Area

Only one spectator per player is permitted to sit in designated areas around the field. **ALL SPECTATORS MUST WEAR MASKS.**